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Five Cents



MARINE BAND RENDERS ELABORATE CONCERT

The elaborate concert which was rendered by the Marine Band on March 4, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its reorganization, was well received and fully appreciated by its distinguished audience at the Central High School auditorium of Washington.

The program included a number of pieces by the symphony orchestra of the band, as well as military music by the entire organization.

The audience was composed of highest government officials and their families, cabinet members, officers of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and many distinguished personages of the national capital.

The band and orchestra appeared under the direction of its leader, William H. Santelman, under whom it was reorganized twenty-five years ago.

Great credit for the smooth handling of the large audience is due the picked detachment of seventy M. C. I. Marines who acted as ushers and who directed the flow of traffic at the entrance.

WASHINGTON MARINES RECEIVE UNUSUAL DENTAL TREATMENT

Through the efforts of Lieut. Commander W. J. Zalesky (M. C.), U. S. N., attached to the Marine Barracks at Washington, every Marine at that station has received careful attention and examination at the Naval Dental School, which is one of the most completely equipped dental establishments in the world.

No matter what their feelings may have been at the time each Marine now has the satisfaction of knowing he is "all set" for another year.

ONE TO THINK OVER

Staff Sgt. C. H. Berns, postmaster of the M. C. E. F., tells us that one-third of the 15,000 letters which were mailed out each week from Culebra to the States are addressed to Virginia, and that two-thirds of the Virginia mail goes to towns visited by the Force on the Fall Maneuvers.

M. T. C. TAKES CARE OF HAITIEN VISITORS

When the Major General Commandant and the party of editors on the *Henderson* visited Port-au-Prince recently, they expressed their unqualified approval of the Motor Transport Company and its methods, for through the efforts of Capt. Moseley and his men an unusually large number of cars were at the disposal of the visitors, sufficient to accommodate every one on the trip to Las Cahobas and on the trips about Port-au-Prince. Credit must also be given the owners of private cars who placed them at the disposal of the distinguished guests during their short stay in Haiti.

H. W. WEINHOLD.

MARCH FOR GEN. BUTLER

In appreciation of the excellent work being done by Brigadier General Butler in cleaning up Philadelphia, Prof. Judson Eldridge of Swarthmore College has composed a march and dedicated it to the safety director. The march, described by the professor as "a wee bit jazzy," will be tried out by the Police Band in the Quaker City. It is called "The Butler Brigade."



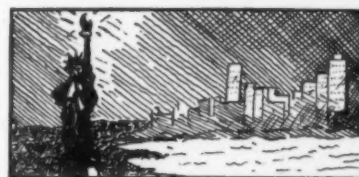
MARINES HAVE BALL AT NEWPORT

On a recent occasion, when a naval ball which had been planned by the sailors at Newport seemed destined to failure, the Marines stepped into the breach and made the ball a complete success.

Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Earle honored the Marines by their presence, as did also Maj. and Mrs. William C. Powers and Lieut. J. B. Weaver. Sgt. F. W. King acted as master of ceremonies, breaking the ice between the feminine guests and the "gyrenes," wherever necessary. Chubby Kilpatrick and "Nick" Carter staged a burlesque bout for the flyweight title, to the amusement of everyone. "Barbed-wire" Dick Cornish served the refreshments—even had to tell Joe Prunty to keep his fingers out of the punchbowl. In all, it was more than a success. It was the best example of Marine hospitality ever exhibited here, according to many, and "Top" Harry Richard said it brought happy memories of the old days in the Yard at "Philly."

Our invincible Marines defeated the

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BROOKLYN MARINES TRIM FORT HAMILTON B. B. TEAM

The "Bean Dinner" given recently in New York by the Marine Corps League was well attended and was voted a great success, as was also the "dessert" which followed in the shape of the neat trimming which the Marines administered to the crack army basket-ball team from Fort Hamilton by the score of 75 to 6. After the game local talent musicians furnished the necessary "jazz" for the evening's dance, which terminated in the wee sma' hours.

The last dance of the season will be held on March 1 and all Marines and ex-Marines who happen to be in New York are invited to attend. Men in uniform will be admitted without invitation; admission in all other cases will be by invitation, so that all those who wish to attend should send in their names immediately to the undersigned.

WILLIAM B. WHITE.

IONA ISLAND WITH US AGAIN

The Marines at Iona Island recently held a most successful post dance, which is stated to have been a forerunner of more of these delightful affairs.

"Smoky" Sanders expects to be transferred to Quantico within a short time. Quantico baseball pitchers are hereby warned that they had better "strut their stuff" or this speed-ball artist will have them warming the bench.

After two weeks' duration a chow contest between several men at this post was declared a draw between Sergeant Matison and Private Moquin. Private Shelley might have won had he not swallowed his gold tooth.

"Top" Brown won the booby prize shooting pool recently when he made the two ball twice in four games.

C. PREBLE.

FORCE BASEBALL TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY

Force baseball team has met some of the navy's best and is still undefeated. With the wonderful opportunity which this expedition has given to the team great results are expected in the coming season, for the Marines have had an earlier start than the big league teams.



CHANGE IN FIRST SERGEANTS AT BOSTON

The Leap Year Dance has been postponed from February 29 to March 12 out of respect for the late Woodrow Wilson.

1st Sgt. Leonard Curcey was discharged a short time ago after two years' service at Boston. The old "top" was well liked and his absence will be keenly felt.

1st Sgt. C. B. Zink has joined from Parris Island to act in the place of 1st Sgt. Curcey.

Ex-1st Sgt. Patrick W. Power is a frequent visitor at this post. "Pat" served on the U. S. S. *Boston* in 1886 under Lieutenant Gulick, the father of the present commanding officer, Col. L. M. Gulick. He is a very interesting talker and everyone enjoys listening to his stories about the "old Marine Corps."

M. M. KEISLER.

FIRST SERGEANT ROBERT KLEIN TO RETIRE

On March 15, 1924, First Sergeant Robert Klein, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., will be placed upon the retired list of enlisted men of the Marine Corps. On that date Sergeant Klein will have completed thirty years of honorable and faithful service to his country and the Marine Corps. We extend a sincere wish that he may have every happiness in his well-earned retirement from active duty.

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ECHOES FROM PARRIS ISLAND

The fast Field Music Detachment basketball team defeated the Rifle Range Detachment team on February 22 by a score of 36 to 12. As predicted, the Musics are the class of the Island, and are living up to the expectations of their fans.

First Sergeant (Scare-Me) Clare B. Zink of Headquarters Detachment, Training Station, has been transferred to the M. B., Boston, Mass. Zink is a live-wire, and any post which is favored with this services is fortunate. Zink developed a "Charlie Chaplin," but it is suspected that he is using artificial coloring thereon to fool those who do not know him. The "Snappy" First Sergeant takes with him the best wishes of all who know him.

Corporal John (Half-pint) F. Dowling has been transferred from the Recruit Battalions Office, Training Station, to the Marine Corps Institute.

Second Lieutenant H. T. Nicholas, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, is again able to do duty.

Gy. Serget. J. T. Homer is now doing duty as first sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, Training Station. Gy. Serget. Homer is a worthy successor of First Sergeant Zink.

Within the next few weeks the Post baseball team will be organized under the direction of a competent officer, and in all likelihood this Post will be represented by a strong team. Material is plentiful, and if the team is supported in the proper manner by all concerned there is no good reason why Parris Island should not have the best baseball team in the Marine Corps.

Remarkable!

Teacher—"Tommy, tell us something about Abraham Lincoln."

Tommy—"He was born in a log cabin he had helped his father to build."—*Ex.*



DOVER MARINES STAGE MIMIC BATTLE

The Marines at Dover are not to be outdone in regard to maneuvers. While the M. C. E. F. worked in "burning sands" the Dover Marines were forming a machine gun outpost in eight inches of snow. Working out the "war problem" carefully, the machine gun support drew the fire of the enemy patrol, so that the latter entered the field of machine gun fire without proper reconnaissance. The support was under cover, and the machine gun post was not endangered by this attempted flank movement so that the patrol was subjected to a fire from both sides, with disastrous results.

The outpost was formed under the C. O., supported by Corporals Nicholson and Richter and eight riflemen. The patrol was headed by Sergeant Nobbe, with Corporals McGuigan, Riggins, Pyska and twenty-four riflemen.

Cpl. L. T. Burns and Trptr. J. Clauser have been transferred to Santo Domingo. Pvt. Paul Kegerize has been transferred to Annapolis to try out for the boxing squad of the Olympic team. The best wishes of the command go with him.

STANLEY A. PYSKA.

The Professor Again

She: "I wonder if you remember me? Years ago you asked me to marry you."
The Absent-Minded Prof.: "Ah, yes, and did you?"—*Michigan Gargoyle.*

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Help to while the time away;
There's no work and only play
In Culebra.

There is no more lovely spot
Than Culebra;
There is no place quite so hot
As Culebra.
It is good, and it is bad,
It is joyful, it is sad—
All depends on who's the lad
In Culebra.

According to Poker Rules

Business had been dull in Post Exchange until an enterprising clerk hit upon a bright plan to get rid of an extra large supply of civilian shoes. He filled the show-case with a complete assortment of "nifty kicks," and on the glass shelf in the center he placed three silver dollars with the sign: "Get your shoes now. Three of a kind takes them."

A buck private with sporting instincts wandered in, grinned at the clerk, and said: "I see you're selling shoes according to poker rules."

"Yes."

"Well, give me two pair."

"What size?"

"Number nine."

When the clerk wrapped up the shoes the buck passed over three silver dollars and started to go, but the clerk halted him:

"Two pairs of shoes at three dollars is six dollars."

"Didn't you say you sold shoes on poker rules?"

"Yes."

"Well, don't three of a kind take two pairs?"

"Sure," said the clerk, "but it won't take four nines."

A motoring writer says that the motorists in this country run into millions. We know that. We wish they didn't.—*The Passing Show (London).*

Always notify us of any change in address.

Life's Tragedies

The Post Dance.
The lonesome Buck Private.
The Top Kicker's Best Girl.
A lively two-step.
A walk in the moonlight.
A parting kiss.
Discovered by the Top.
Transferred to Guam.
The End.

All the Comforts of Home

The two sea-going Marines had been paid off at San Diego, and decided to return to their homes in the East together. They boarded a train, and soon made themselves quite as comfortable as they had been on a battleship at sea.

They watched the deft movements of the porter with approval, as he made up their section of the Pullman sleeper. Then they turned in—one occupying the upper, and one the lower berth.

The Marine in the lower berth tried in vain to go to sleep, but his companion up above was making so much racket sleep was out of the question. Finally he shouted: "What's the matter up there? Why don't you pipe down and go to sleep?"

"How can I get to sleep?" shouted the Marine up above. "Ain't I been trying since eight bells to get into this darn little hammock."

—HASH MARK.

A Diagnosis

Jazz is dying, according to the statement of a music publisher. The *Hunter Herald* suggests that that may be the reason why it sounds that way.

"Wealthy through a sudden upward movement in oil? That was a bit of luck!"

"Yes. A rich old aunt of mine—dear old thing—tried to light a fire with a tin of petrol."—*London Mail.*

A Navy surgeon was examining a recruit from down Texas way.

"Ever had any accidents?"

"No."

"What's that bandage on your hand?"

"Rattlesnake bite."

"Don't you call that an accident?"

"Naw; the dam' thing did it on purpose."—*Exchange.*

Milestones

Judge: "You say that when this man's car ran over you, you had both legs, your left arm, and your nose broken. Was that when you lost your left ear?"

"No, your honor, I lost that ear four runovers ago."—*Ex.*

"My wife hasn't spoken a cross word to me for several days."

"How's that?"

"She's away on a vacation."—*Ex.*

Some people don't know when the wool is pulled over their eyes, even when you stick a finger into their eyes doing it.—*Ex.*

Mary had a little cat,
It swallowed a ball of yarn,
And when the little kittens came,
They all had sweaters on.

—*Oklahoma Whirlwind.*



"—Situation Well in Hand—"

Preparedness

He—"My dear, it's no use for you to look at those hats; I have no more than a dollar in my pocket."

She—"You might have known when you came out that I'd want to buy a few things."

He—"I did."—*Boston Transcript.*

Ralph: "How would you get down off of an elephant?"

Elmer: "You win. How?"

Ralph: "You don't get down off of an elephant, you get it off a duck."

"Have you never met a man whose touch seemed to thrill every fiber of your body?"

"Yes, once."

"Ah, and who was he?"

"A dentist."—*Top O' The Hill.*

Diner—"I want some raw oysters. They must not be too large nor too small; not too salty, and not too soft. They must be cold. And I am in a hurry."

Waiter—"Yes, sir. Will you have them with or without pearls?"—*The Hill-top.*

Hard on Father

Jr.—"Pop, what is an ancestor?"

Sr.—"Well, I'm one."

Jr.—"Yes, I know, but why do people brag about them?"—*Ex.*

Maid—"Mum, there's a revenue officer at the door."

Mistress—"Tell him we don't want any."—*Ex.*

Free-for-All

Suitor: "I hope, sir, you'll encourage me in the pursuit of your daughter's hand."

Her Father: "My boy, don't ask for encouragement. The field is open to all comers, and I don't even know half the entries."—*Exchange.*

"Hi, Mac, did you get that new suit at the joint I told you about?"

"Yep, and when I mentioned your name for reference they made me pay cash."—*Our Navy.*

Sad But True

H.: "Oh! did you hear that I'm engaged to B?"

C.: "Did he tell you he had been engaged to me before?"

H.: "Not exactly, but he said there were some things in his life he was ashamed of."—*Exchange.*

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"LEATHERNECK" TO HAVE MANY NEW EXCHANGES

In order to increase its already wide sources of service news, THE LEATHERNECK has added the following ships' and stations' papers to its exchange list, and it is hoped that we shall soon be able to quote from these excellent publications for the benefit of our readers:

The *Skidfin*, published on board the U. S. S. *Wright*; the *Cub*, published on the U. S. S. *California*; the *Base Newspaper*, published at the Submarine Base, New London; the *Air News*, published at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola; the *Catapult*, published on board the U. S. S. *Maryland*; the *Live Wire*, published on board the U. S. S. *Nevada*; the *Base Force Bulletin*, published on board the U. S. S. *Procyon*; the *Big "U"*, published on the U. S. S. *Utah*; the *News*, published at the Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads; the *Hoist*, published at San Diego; the *Bulletin*, published at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and the *Lookout*, published on board the U. S. S. *Colorado*.

All of these papers are representative of their ships or stations, and they contain live news of interest to the Marine Corps, as well as to the naval service.

Should there be other service papers which are not on our exchange list we should be glad to add them at once. In a later issue we shall publish our complete exchange list so that readers who know of any paper which we have missed may inform us of this fact. THE LEATHERNECK wishes to have every known service publication on its exchange table.

"BRIGADIER" CONTAINS INTERESTING FACTS ON HAITI

The *Brigadier*, published by the First Brigade, Port-au-Prince, is publishing each week an interesting column entitled "Ten Facts About Public Works of Haiti." We are quoting herewith a few facts from the current issue of the *Brigadier*:

"A newer and shorter road will soon be completed which will cut motor travel between Port-au-Prince and Santo Domingo City to one day. Another new

road will be opened in April providing a shorter route to the Cape from Port-au-Prince. Nine hundred feet of fabricated bridges, ranging from one to four spans of 75 feet each, now afford easy crossing at Mont. Rouis on the road to St. Marc, Grose Morne on the road between Gonaives and Port de Paix, at Cavaillon on the Miragoane Aux Cayes Road, the Fer-a-Cheval between Mirabelais and Las Cahobas, the Artibonite between Las Cahobas and Hinche and at other points which have in the past been almost impassable in the rainy season."

Marines who have served in Haiti and those who expect to be sent there will be greatly interested in this reliable information which is provided by the *Brigadier*.

HENRY FITZGERALD PROBABLY OLDEST EX-MARINE

Another ex-Marine whose memories of service days date back many years has been discovered in the person of Henry Fitzgerald, commander of Col. Sam Black Post 59, G. A. R., at McKeesport, Pa.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born at Pittsburgh in 1845. In 1861 he enlisted in the 77th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was captured in the battle of Perryville, Ky., in 1862 and later was discharged from the army through the efforts of his father, a Southern sympathizer. At the first opportunity, however, he went back into service, this time in the Marine Corps, in which he was enlisted by Captain Collier, at Baltimore, in 1863. He received his final discharge in 1868 at Norfolk.

"At the time of my entrance into the Corps," writes Mr. Fitzgerald, "Mr. Sousa was learning to drum under Bandmaster John Roach. Colonel Harris was Commandant of the Corps."

"I have lived in McKeesport forty-three years. I do not know whether I am the oldest living ex-Marine, but I am one of them at least. I am in good health and have been married three times."

Through THE LEATHERNECK Mr. Fitzgerald sends his best wishes to the rest of the Corps and to any comrades who may remember him.

TO TRANSFER TO F. M. C. R.

During the month of March three Marines, who are well known to the "old timers" of the Corps, will be transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve. On March 1st, Quartermaster Sergeant Wallace A. Milstead, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., and Gunnery Sergeant James H. Mosier, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, will be transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, Class 1 (d). Both will have completed over twenty (20) years of service in the Corps. On March 18th, Sergeant William R. Jones, Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., will be transferred to the Reserve, Class 1 (d), having completed on that date over sixteen (16) years service.

SGT. MORRIS FISHER AWARDED FRAZIER TROPHY

In recognition of his work in the international rifle matches Sgt. Morris Fisher was awarded the J. Miller Frazier Championship Trophy at a recent dinner in Philadelphia tendered to American champions in all sports.

TRANSFERRED TO F. M. C. R.

Quartermaster Sergeant Marion Wood Perry, late of the Marine Barracks, San Diego, California, has been transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, Class 1 (c), after having completed over sixteen (16) years service in the Marine Corps. Quartermaster Sergeant Perry will make his home at 701 N. Field Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

FIRST DEATH OF M. C. E. F. REPORTED

The death of Private Charles Monroe Maney at 9:20 P. M., February 23, 1924 of lobar pneumonia and septicemia on board the Hospital Ship No. 1, U. S. S. *Relief*, at Culebra, West Indies, marked the first death of the Marine Corp. Expeditionary Force. Private Maney enlisted in the Marine Corps November 10, 1922, and was a member of the Aviation Detachment, M. C. E. F. The next of kin of the deceased, Grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Whittemore, 33 East Street, Asheville, N. C., has been notified of her grandson's death and we extend to her our deepest sympathies in her sorrow. The remains of Private Maney will be brought to Asheville, N. C., for burial.

ANOTHER MARINE TO TRY FOR OLYMPIC TEAM

Private Paul W. Kegerize has been ordered transferred from the Marine Barracks, Naval Ammunition Depot, Dover, N. J., to the Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., for duty, and as a candidate for the Boxing Squad of the American Olympic Team. Private Kegerize is a fine boxer and should make an excellent showing in any competition.

CORPORAL C. W. HOLLISTER DIES IN HAITI

It is with regret that THE LEATHERNECK announces the death of Corporal Clarence W. Hollister, of the M. T. C., Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Corporal Hollister was badly hurt in a truck accident some time ago and the injuries he received at that time finally overcame his brave fight for recovery. His body, accompanied by a floral offering from his former comrades has been sent to his home at Glastenbury, Conn.

H. W. W.

McLEMORE DETACHMENT HOLDS DINNER

"The McLemore Detachment of the Marine Corps League held its monthly dinner meeting recently at the Brazos Hotel," writes Sergeant Haskell Holstine of the Southwestern District, which has its headquarters at Houston. "Thirty-five members were present, including Carlos Carpenter, Vice-Commandant of the League."

"When the dinner was over all new members were presented with toy balloons and a prize offered to the one who burst the first balloon. As the balloons were filled with sneezing powder you can easily guess the rest."

"Aside from this there has been nothing unusual at Houston, for recruiting is at a standstill. Only one ex-Marine applied this month, and when he went home after his discharge certificate he failed to return."

"COLORADO" PREPARING FOR TEST TRIALS

The *Colorado* is preparing for her test trials, after her return from the shake-down cruise which was described in the preceding issue of THE LEATHERNECK. The trials will be held in March.

1st Lieut. Cleghorn Foote has taken charge of the ship's band and orchestra. The "musics" are showing great improvement under his control.

The Marines on the *Colorado* regret that they will be unable to take part in the whaleboat races this year, in which they won first place for three straight years when they were serving as the *Delaware* detachment. They promise, however, to regain their cup in the next races.

GEORGE T. KINNEY.

BELLEAU WOOD VETERANS HOLD WILSON MEMORIAL

A memorial service, sponsored by the Veterans of Belleau Wood, was recently held at Keith's Palace Theatre, New York City, to pay tribute to the late Woodrow Wilson.

The service was opened with a fitting eulogy of the late ex-President by Webster deS. Smith, who then introduced the Hon. Herbert S. Houston, former editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. Following him were Senator Brookhart, Hon. Robt. U. Johnson and Col. A. M. Owsley, former National Commander of the American Legion.

The service was arranged by a committee of Veterans of Belleau Wood, U. S. Marine Brigade, which included Webster deS. Smith, Merle MacAlister, A. J. Griffin and Flo M. Weidinger, formerly attached to Marine Headquarters. The ushers were volunteers from the Marines at the New York Navy Yard and Recruiting Service.

STATION H-O-M-E BROADCASTING

That is the heading which we find at the top of a letter from the Marines at the Receiving Station, Philadelphia. These Marines are more than satisfied with their station, as is proved by the following quotation:

"We have what we consider the best barracks in the Marine Corps and we are not very much prejudiced. This is a station where the recruiting sergeants' stories come true—why, even those same recruiting sergeants try to get transferred here. However, there's no chance for working into this post; Marines never get paid off here—they just extend two years automatically when their time is up. You'd have to be a personal friend of the President to get here—maybe more.

"The work we do here was formerly done by C. P. O.'s of the Navy, but in 1919 a Marine detachment was sent here under Captain Winans. He was relieved by Captain Arnett, who, in turn, was followed by Lieutenant Bruns. The station has been a home under all three of them. During the time Captain Arnett was here he taught the men to signal and to tie knots until every one was an expert at both practices. Through his careful coaching 94 per cent of the command also qualified on the rifle range.

"Under Lieutenant Bruns everything is still going nicely and every one is glad to be a member of this detachment.

(Signed) "J. NORBETT DRISCOLL,
"Corporal, U. S. M. C."



"HELENA" MARINES VISIT INTERIOR OF CHINA

Sixty miles inland from the ancient port of Amoy, China, lies one of the much visited wonders of that old and mysterious country in the shape of a great granite bridge which spans the muddy Whoo Whang River.

Having heard much of this unusual structure, the Marines of the U. S. S. *Helena*, deciding to investigate for themselves, left their ship early one morning with enough "chow" for a regiment and proceeded across Amoy Bay to Sam Shoey point, from which it was but a half mile to the railroad station. A "special" car had already been ordered, and upon asking in Chinese (such as it was) the Marines were informed that the train would be in. No special time was specified, and as it might have been any time between then and night the more restless members of the party began to kill the time with the "galloping dominoes." To the surprise of everyone and the disgust of a few losers, however, the train soon came in sight. But what a train! Take a box car, cover it with tar paper, cut a few holes in the side, fill them with pieces of glass and put in half a dozen park benches and you will have a good idea of this private coach. This remarkable exhibition of the carpenter's art was being pushed by what appeared to be an old logging mogul, to which were attached four trailers, two open and two closed, and all four filled with a strange variety of farming tools, chow and Chinamen.

By the time the rusty, squealing brakes had brought this odd assortment of rolling stock to a stop the *Helena* Marines were aboard, the more industrious assisting the engineer in getting under way by tightening brakes, putting rocks on the track and sticking a small log under the front wheels. In spite of this kindly aid, however, the train finally started inland at a killing pace—for a cripple.

One really doesn't see China until he gets into the interior. There are farms everywhere and anywhere. Every odd spot is taken, even those between graveyards. At this particular time the harvesting season was on and in every direction you could see the mud-bespattered Chinaman threshing out their rice.

Threshing is done by means of a large tub with a wind break of burlap. The rice is flayed against a cleated board in this tub and the chaff removed by the wind method. When the grain is cleaned it is packed to the grainery or to the station by large baskets on the backs of the coolies.

Here and there across the numerous farms may be seen the treadmill, water wheels and endless belts which are used to irrigate the land. It is a country of hard labor, with little reward.

After five hours' riding, walking and chasing the caribou (Chinese oxen) off the tracks which led through the count-

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COMMANDANT PLEASSED WITH PEARL HARBOR MARINES

The Marines at Pearl Harbor are working hard getting the rifle range ready for the approaching season. They hope to carry away the San Diego Trophy for this year.

At the latest Commandant's inspection, Admiral McDonald expressed himself as well pleased with the Marine command, stating that he was delighted to review such a fine body of men.

Following the inspection the Admiral presented the Barracks Detachment with the Inter-Company Marksmanship Trophy, which was won in the fall meet. The detachment also received the baseball trophy for 1924. The 117th Company was then presented with the Field Meet Trophy won on Thanksgiving Day.

Pvt. Saul Kronick, welterweight champion of the Hawaiian Islands, has returned to the States for discharge. Kronick will probably enter the pugilistic game on the outside under "Billy" Gibson. We are hoping that he will change his mind and stay with the Corps, as he is a great factor in the athletic lineup of any post.

EDWARD J. MCCABE.

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Torpedo Station team in the last basketball game—score 22 to 20. "Red" Clough won five dollars for keeping a certain dangerous "gob" from making a goal in the first half. It was a tight game. With the score tied and only half a minute to play E. B. Simmons tossed to final basket and everyone went wild!

Attention of all Marines is invited to the glowing tribute paid the Marine Corps in an article by Miss Mable Washburn in the current issue of *Our Navy*. WILLIAM W. FLEWELLING.

A Caution

Wife: "Horace, darling, drive carefully, won't you?—remember, we have Fido with us!"—*Bulletin* (Sydney).



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MARINE CORPS ORDERS

February 25, 1924

No orders were announced.

February 26, 1924

No orders were announced.

February 27, 1924

Captain Earl C. Nicholas—Detached Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific, to M. B., N. Yd., Mare Island, Calif.
2nd Lt. Minter L. Lowther—Detached M. B., N. Yd., Boston, Mass., to M. B., Quantico, Va.

February 28, 1924

First Lieut. George H. Towner—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to N. A. S., Pensacola, Fla.

February 29, 1924

First Lieut. John T. Thornton—Detached M. B., Parris Island, S. C., to Asiatic Station.
First Lieut. Frank W. Hanlon—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. B., N. S., Guam.
First Lieut. William D. Bassett—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. B., N. S., Guam.
Second Lieut. Ralph E. Forsyth—Detached Department of the Pacific to Asiatic Station.
Second Lieut. Robert L. Skidmore—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. B., N. S., Guam.
Q. M. Clerk Rufus L. Willis—Detached M. B., Parris Island, S. C., to M. B., N. S., Cavite, P. I.
Pay Clerk Lawrence A. Frankland—Detached M. B., N. S., Guam, to Headquarters Department of the Pacific.

March 1, 1924

No orders issued.

STAFF SERGEANT LOY AIDS AUTOMOBILE STUDENTS

Staff Sergeant Loy of the M. T. C., Haiti, has found that the life of a teacher is not all a bed of roses. His efforts to impart practical knowledge to the men of the command who are taking the Automobile Course have been successful, but only at the expense of much time, effort and unlimited patience. Our school activities are coming along nicely, however, for the boys are taking an interest in their work, and there is quite a bit of friendly rivalry among them.

H. W. WEINHOLD.

Yea, Patsie!

Rambler: "Some dogs are more intelligent than their masters."

Editor: "Sure, I got one like that."—Exchange.

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Marine Corps Institute

March 5, 1924

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| Total number individuals enrolled.. | 7,689 |
| Number of examination papers received during week..... | 1,097 |
| Number of examination papers received during 1924..... | 8,886 |

COL. MCGILL IN FAVOR OF M. C. I.

Referring to the Marine Corps Institute, Colonel McGill, commanding the Marine Barracks at Mare Island, recently wrote: "I am in sympathy with the movement and I stand by to lend my support and encouragement."

Statements of this nature from high ranking officers of the Corps are distinctly encouraging for they show that the M. C. I. is rapidly gaining favor with those who can do the most for the system.

M. I. C. STUDENTS AT NEW ORLEANS HAVE GOOD STUDY ROOMS

Maj. C. A. Lutz, who recently commanded the Marine Barracks at New Orleans, says of Institute activities at that station: "Here the Marines have a large, well-lighted laboratory and study room where they can study undisturbed. It is open and available from reveille to taps and it is seldom unoccupied."

Conditions such as these will do much toward promoting the interest of students, for it is undeniable that concentrated study is difficult in squad rooms or bunkhouses with their customary noise and conversation.

"CALIFORNIA" HAS BEST MARINE DETACHMENT IN FLEET

It has been announced by Fleet and Division Marine Officers that the best Marine detachment in the United States Fleet, based upon results of the past year, is that now serving on the U. S. S. *California*, flagship of the Pacific Fleet.

This detachment, numbering two officers and ninety-five men, is commanded by Capt. Clifton Cates, of Dyersburg, Tenn. The D. A. R. Trophy Cup has been awarded to this unit.

Capt. Cates was one of the outstanding figures of the World War. He was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses, the Navy Cross, the Legion of Honor, four Croix de Guerres and five citations for gallantry for which no decoration was awarded. He was also assigned the honor of commanding the Marine company in the famous Pershing composite regiment.

Before commanding the detachment on the *California*, Capt. Cates served as aide-de-camp to General Barnett when that officer was Major General Commandant.

Lieut. Albert E. Benson is junior officer of the detachment and has had a great deal to do with the present excellent condition of efficiency.

Cowslip

Teacher—"Take this sentence: 'Take the cow out of this lot.' What mood?"
Pupil—"The cow."—Denver Clarion.



MARINES RECENTLY REENLISTING

George A. Wilson, 2-22-24, New York.
Orvil C. Gilstrap, 2-7-24, San Diego.
Henry H. Jones, 2-16-24, San Diego.
William C. Leary, 2-16-24, San Diego.
Charles W. Deffenbaugh, 2-20-24, N. Yd., Washington.
Joseph J. Matsick, 2-23-24, West Coast.
Mord E. Sweet, 2-23-24, Quantico.
Herman N. Buettner, 2-15-24, N. Yd., Washington.
Arnold J. Lindman, 2-15-24, N. Yd., Washington.
David N. Jones, 2-21-24, Norfolk.
William Kew, 2-15-24, West Coast.
Josiah D. Johnson, 2-26-24, Norfolk.
Leonard Curcey, 2-26-24, Quantico.
William J. Gurley, 2-27-24, Quantico.
Albert R. Klay, 2-26-24, West Coast.
Harris L. Ackert, 2-25-24, Hampton Roads.
Hugh R. Sherrill, 2-25-24, Hampton Roads.
Stewart W. Noble, 2-25-24, New London.

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less rice farms, the Marines arrived at their destination, Cheung Yeung. From the station to the bridge was but a half mile, so that eager tourists soon stood before the much discussed structure, with mile, so that eager tourists soon stood covering. Some of these slabs are over fifty feet long and over six feet in width.

When the bridge had been completely inspected the Marines began the investigation of a small Chinese temple which lay nearby. After a collection of souvenirs, the search for which goes hand-in-hand with all such travels, the men made their way back to the railway station. The return trip was made without mishap, the train arriving at Sam Shooey Point at 6, from which the *Noah's Ark*, which acted as a barge for the railroad, took the sightseers back to their ship, tired, but satisfied in the results of the day's adventure.

This is the first of a number of such stories by the Marines on the *Helena*. The second will appear in an early issue of THE LEATHERNECK.

It Depends

"A man is never older than he feels," declared the ancient beau, bravely. "Now I feel as fresh as a two-year-old."

"Horse or egg?" asked the sweet young thing brightly.—*Tid-Bits (London)*.

K. O.

O—Who's that lady I heard in your room?

K.—That wasn't no lady; that was my victrola.—*Harvard Lampoon*.
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GENERAL LEJEUNE'S INSPECTION
AT CULEBRA

The last few days of the M. C. E. F. in Culebra were spent under trying conditions. The greatest rainstorm within the memory of the inhabitants of the island swept over the encamped Marines, causing a second edition of the Johnstown flood. Everyone was turned to digging ditches, building dams, and trying to recover lost articles. Tents were down, equipment and clothing strewn about, and all motor transportation was at a standstill.

The 66th Company was almost carried out to the sea, and the medical unit was completely isolated. The Howitzer Company staged a water polo game in its company street, with sea bags. The experience of the 5th Regiment gained in the maneuvers of last fall stood them in good stead, as they were encamped in nothing less than a river bed. The band endeavored to liven up the situation by giving a concert in each company street—uniform of the day "skivvees" well decorated with mud. After four nights and days of constant rain the flood subsided and then began the work of getting ready for the inspection by the Major General Commandant and the party of editors on the *Henderson*.

This inspection was begun by a review of all units, headed by massed bands. This was followed by 75 mm. batteries going into action, an exhibition of crawling, creeping, advancing, taking machine gun nests and camouflage by scouts. Next came firing of automatic rifles, use of rifle and hand grenades by bombers, bayonet fighting, demonstrations of pyrotechnics, wig-wag, semaphore, projector, field telephone, panels and radio by the field section. After these came maneuvers and firing by tanks, formation flying and balloon attacks by airplanes, parachute jumps and a demonstration of gas troops. A complete landing operation completed the "three-ring circus," as it was called by

the *Culebra Cactus*, from which most of these details were taken.

It is thought that this demonstration made a very good effect upon the visitors, as did the exhibition of spirit and morale, which is summed up by Sgt. Major Proctor in an editorial in the paper previously mentioned: "The outstanding features of the expedition so far are the wonderful cooperation constantly shown, not only between the elements of the Force but between the Force and the Fleet, and the unfailing cheerfulness and good humor of the men, day and night, sun or rain, whether working at unloading transports, tossing about all night in the open sea off Panama, or standing knee-deep in the flood waters of Culebra. If everyone will take a lesson from these experiences we shall continue to help one another and, above all, WE SHALL KEEP ON SMILING!"

57TH COMPANY BUSY AS M. P.'S IN
HAITI

The motto of the 57th Company might well be "Say It With Clubs," for their duties as Military Police in Port-au-Prince certainly keep them busy. Between chasing traffic offenders, curbing the "moist" tendencies of some few sailors and "gyrenes," keeping watchful eyes on the native inhabitants and maintaining guard over the restricted district they have very little spare time.

The company of 53 men is commanded by Capt. T. J. Curtis, Provost Marshal. Gy Sergt. George Nelson is in charge of the Force, assisted by Sergeants Roy Peterson and Walter Wheeler.

First Sergeant Hess has recently been transferred to the 62d Company at San Michel, being relieved by First Sergt. Frances E. Duchamie.

Privates A. B. Hudson and Frank Yunger are temporarily detached to represent the company in the Inter-Brigade Athletic Meet. The 57th is looking for them to "bring home the bacon."

SAN DOMINGO MOTOR MARINES
WRITE IN

Up to this time THE LEATHERNECK has published news of only one motor transport company, that of Port-au-Prince, but now we are able to print a few items from the "gasoline Gusses" of San Domingo. A letter from that outfit signed "Oil Can," is printed herewith, in part:

"This is the first time we've tried to horn in on the society of LEATHERNECK correspondents, but this is open season down here, so we thought we'd try our luck. Speaking from the sublime to the ridiculous, or, in other words, from the Skipper to the Buck—

"Capt. Lienhard is the M. T. O. here. He is now shooting on the range, getting ready to go up against the First Brigade. Stand from under, Haiti.

"Next comes the right honorable top-kick, Stock. Believe us, that man is a second Billy Sunday when it comes to telling a man what he ain't. More kicks than an army mule.

"Staff Sergeant Niles is getting along O. K. except for a sore eye. He says a piece of steel got into it, but it's rumored he strained it sighting in on a certain 'damosel.'

"Sergeant John Fahey is the boy who puts out the chow, and also the old reliable 'there ain't no more.' Right now he's runnin' around wild, watchin' nine ball players from Santiago 'eat him poor.'

Lack of space forbade printing the rest of this letter, so we are holding it for a later issue.

MARINES FROM "DENVER" PROTECT
CONSULATE AT HONDURAS

Marines have been landed from the *Denver* to protect the American consulate at Honduras during the revolution which is taking place there.

This action was taken by the State Department upon receipt of a cable from the American consul, who stated that the consulate was in the line of fire between opposing forces.

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